## **CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT**

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## IRRIGATION SYSTEM TESTING THIS WEEK IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct irrigation system testing along various portions of State Route 58, State Route 99 and State Route 178 this week in the city of Bakersfield. Testing will take place on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. each day.

This testing is part of Caltrans' established measures created to ensure water is used efficiently and in the most cost effective ways on our state highway system. Caltrans uses technology called "smart irrigation" to cut water use. Sprinkler system controllers gather weather data via the Internet and automatically adjust the watering schedule based on the local climate and shut off during rain storms. During the recent drought, Caltrans reduced irrigation by over 50 percent.

Caltrans would like to thank commuters for their continued patience throughout this maintenance project. Please be alert for maintenance personnel and remember to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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